

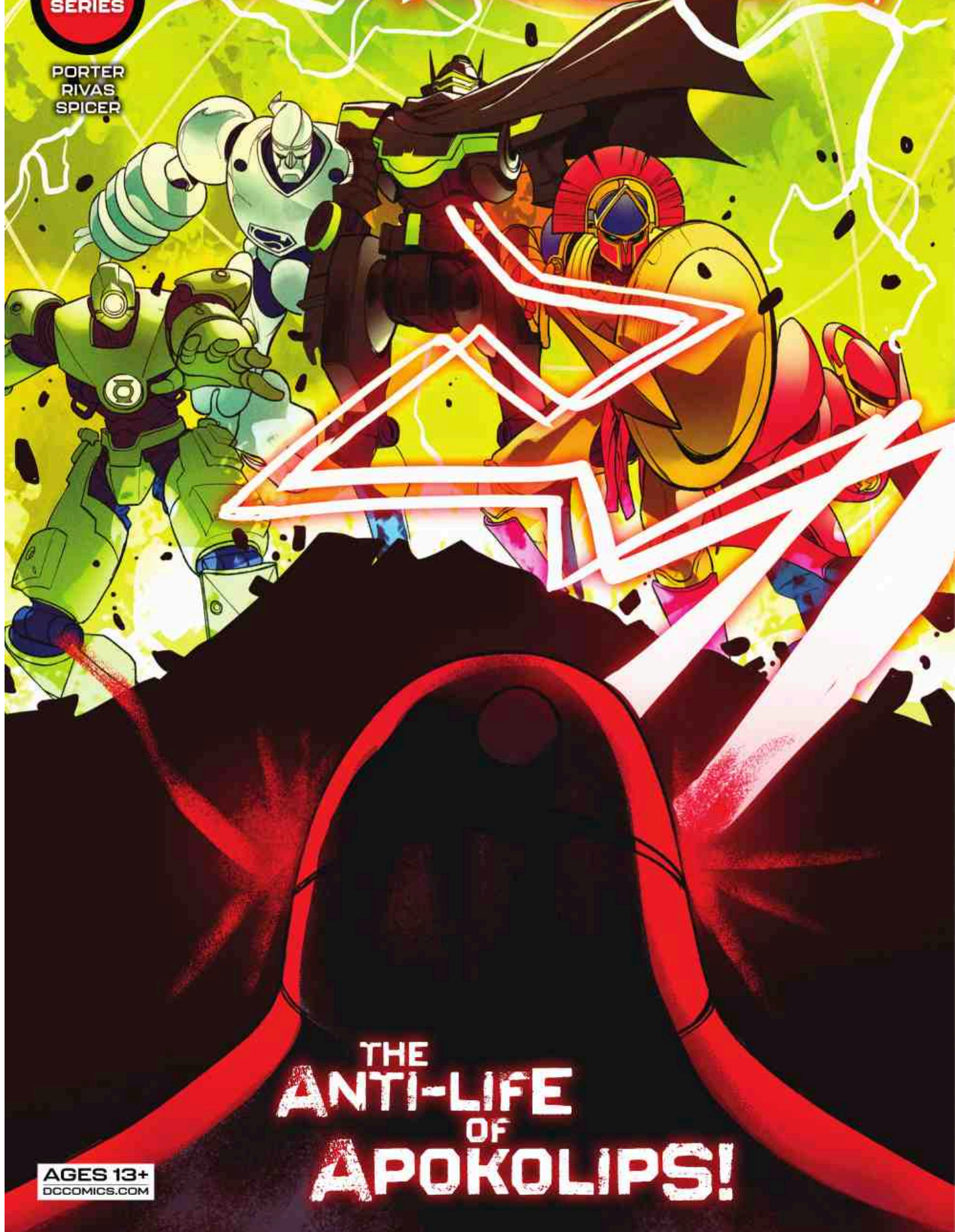


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THE JUSTICE LEAGUE REBORN!

DARK CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS

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THIS OCTOBER

**DARK CRISIS ON
INFINITE EARTHS #5** ☐

**DARK CRISIS:
YOUNG JUSTICE #5** ☐

**DARK CRISIS:
THE DEADLY GREEN #1** ☐

**DARK CRISIS:
WORLDS WITHOUT A
JUSTICE LEAGUE –
GREEN ARROW #1** ☐



BLACKHAWK ISLAND--ATLANTIC OCEAN.



THIS IS BLACKHAWK CALLING THE WATCHTOWER-- THE PARADEMONS HAVE FOUND OUR NTH METAL DEPOSITS!

OLAF, I'VE GOT NO RESPONSE FROM THE WATCHTOWER, TRY TO HOLD THEM OFF AS LONG AS YOU CAN--



WE JUST LOST OLAF!

WE'VE HELD THEM BACK AS LONG AS WE CAN, SHIERA. I KNOW I PROMISED YOU I'D KEEP THEM SAFE...BUT THE TIDE OF THIS BATTLE ISN'T IN OUR FAVOR.

REST ASSURED-- THE BLACKHAWKS WILL FIGHT UNTIL OUR FINAL BREATHS!

HAWKS-- IT'S TIME TO EARN YOUR WINGS! WELCOME DEATH WITH THE HONOR ONLY THE SKIES CAN GIVE!

HAWK-A-A-A!



WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT DYING?



YOUR
BACKUP JUST
ARRIVED!

TEAM, I'LL
TAKE ON THE MAIN
FORCES, TRY TO
KEEP THEM OFF MY
TAIL. SPREAD OUT
AND HIT THEM
HARD.



OUR
PRIORITIES
ARE HELPING THE
BLACKHAWKS AND
SECURING THE
NTH METAL.

...HELLO?
ARE YOU EVEN
LISTENING TO
ME, KAL-EL?





SO DID WE
GET ORDERS OR
ARE THEY GOING TO
JUST KEEP FIGHTING
WITH EACH
OTHER?



THE BATMAN IS
CORRECT, JOHN--
WE NEED THE NTH
METAL ABOVE
ALL ELSE.

BUT
WE CAN'T
JUST LET KAL-EL
FIGHT ON HIS
OWN!

I'M WITH WALLY--WE
SHOULD WORRY ABOUT
THE METAL AFTER WE KICK
THEIR BIOENGINEERED
ASSES OFF THE
ISLAND.

WE'RE
ALREADY MOVING THE
CRATES, HAL--THE FASTER
WE GET THEM OUT OF HERE,
THE FASTER WE CAN--



DANG IT! I
CAN'T EVEN TRY TO
FORM A CONSTRUCT
WITH ALL THIS ENEMY
FIRE.

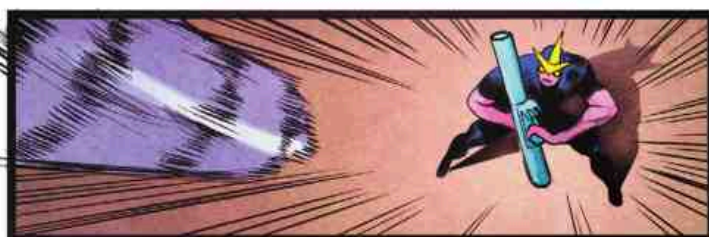
KEEP AT IT,
JOHN--I'VE GOT
A FEW MANEUVERS
TO KEEP HIM OFF
OUR BACK.



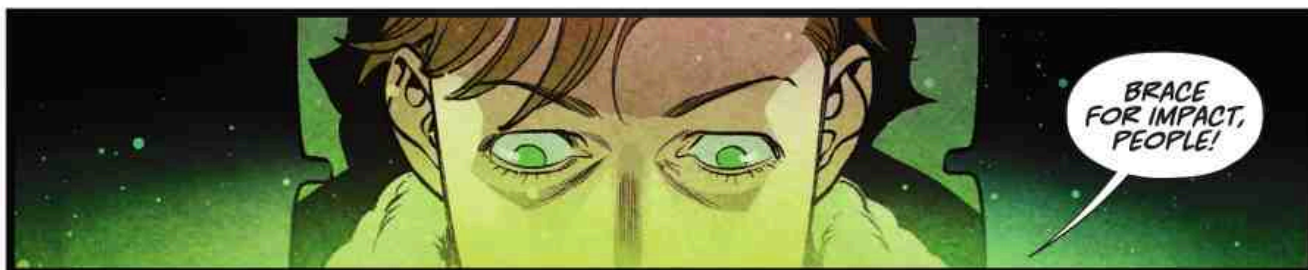
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DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT, HE'S
MINE!



KAL, STOP!
YOU'RE TOO CLOSE
TO THE FUEL TANKS AND
HANGARS! THE WHOLE
THING IS GOING TO
BLOW!



BRACE
FOR IMPACT,
PEOPLE!



SIT-REP--
EVERYONE WHO'S
STILL ALIVE AFTER
THAT STUNT,
CALL IN!

DIANA
HERE. I'M IN
ONE PIECE.



GREEN LANTERN TEAM.
STILL HERE...DESPITE
SOMEONE'S BEST
EFFORTS.

FLASH
MARK III, ALIVE
AND KICKING. BUT
THE PARADEMONS ARE
GETTING AWAY WITH
SOME OF THE NTH
METAL.



LOOKS LIKE
THEY TOOK THE HINT AND
CLEARED OUT. THE BASE IS
CLEAR, AND WE'VE GOT
MOST OF THE NTH
METAL.

THAT'S A
VICTORY IN
MY BOOK.



LET'S
PACK IT UP AND
HEAD BACK TO THE
WATCHTOWER TO
CELEBRATE.

WHAT
DO YOU SAY,
TEAM?

...TEAM?

GRANNY GOODNESS'S COMMAND SHIP--
APOKOLIPS.



YOUR GENERALS HAVE GATHERED FROM
THE FAR REACHES OF SPACE, LORD
DARKSEID.

GRANNY HAS
SELECTED THE
MOST DELICIOUSLY
DEVIOUS PILOTS
SHE COULD
FIND.



REJOICE,
GENERALS OF
APOKOLIPS.

WITH YOUR
SKILLS, OR WITH
YOUR **LIVES**--YOU
WILL SERVE MY
GLORY.

ONCE THE
PLANETARY BOOM TUBE
OPENS, UNLEASH THE SAME
COSMIC FIRES OF HELL THAT
I USED TO CONQUER
YOUR WORLDS...

FATHER!

WHAT NEWS DO
YOU BRING ME,
KALIBAK?

I TRUST
YOU BRING
VICTORY IN MY
NAME... AND NOT
FAILURE IN
YOUR OWN.

IT'S
A SURPRISE
ATTACK, FATHER--
THE EARTHLINGS
ARE RETALIATING!

EVERY
SINGLE ONE OF
THEIR SKULLS WILL
BE GROUND TO DUST
UNDER OUR BOOTS--
ALL IN THE NAME OF
DARKSEID!

YOU
DISAPPOINT ME,
KALIBAK. I TOLD YOU
TO EXTERMINATE
THE KRYPTONIAN AND
HIS FRIENDS. NOW
THEY'RE AT OUR
GATES.

IT'S
NOT THE
KRYPTONIAN,
FATHER.

THEN
WHO **DARES**
DISRESPECT
DARKSEID FROM
THE **WRETCHED**
SOIL OF EARTH?



"THEY FOLLOW A MAN
NAMED **LUTHOR**."

CARRIERS
ARE PREPPED AND
LOADED, MECHS ARE
ARMED, AND OUR
WEAPONS ARE
LIVE.

THIS IS
THE BIG ONE,
FOLKS. STAY
FROSTY.

DIRECTOR
LUTHOR, I DON'T
MEAN TO SOUND OUT
OF LINE, BUT ARE
YOU **SURE** THIS
IS GOING TO
WORK?

THESE
LASERS WERE
DESIGNED FOR
CUTTING ASTEROIDS,
NOT ENEMY
FLEETS.

METAL
IS METAL, CAPTAIN
TREVOR. IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF IT'S FLOATING
IN A ROCK OR WRAPPED
AROUND A DISGUSTING
INVADING ALIEN.

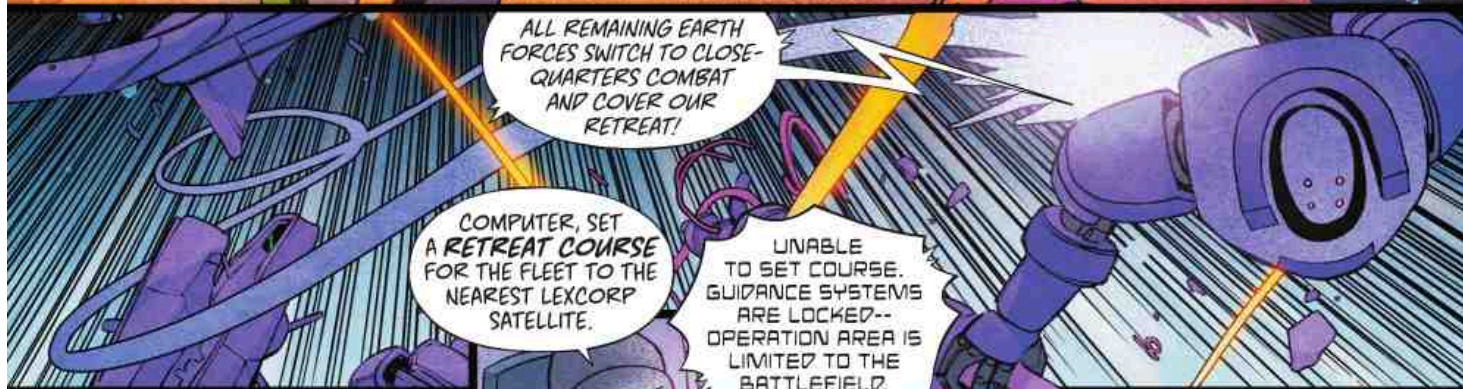
BESIDES, IF IT
DOESN'T WORK,
I HAVE A **PLAN B**
THAT SHOULD BEAT
THEM AT THEIR
OWN GAME.

NOW
ENOUGH WITH
THE SMALL TALK. THE
WORLD IS WATCHING--
COMMENCE
OPERATION **STAR
DRILL**.

OPEN
FIRE!

Kya
CHO OOO





ALL REMAINING EARTH FORCES SWITCH TO CLOSE-QUARTERS COMBAT AND COVER OUR RETREAT!

COMPUTER, SET A RETREAT COURSE FOR THE FLEET TO THE NEAREST LEXCORP SATELLITE.

UNABLE TO SET COURSE. GUIDANCE SYSTEMS ARE LOCKED-- OPERATION AREA IS LIMITED TO THE BATTLEFIELD.



SORRY, CAPTAIN TREVOR, BUT THE WORLD IS WATCHING. ANTI-ALIEN SENTIMENTS ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH...I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING AWAY LIKE COWARDS OR CALLING FOR HELP, CAN I?

ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE **BLOCKED**. YOUR GLORIOUS SACRIFICE WILL BE THE FINAL BIT OF DATA I NEED TO SELL THE **REAL** PROJECT THAT'S GOING TO SAVE HUMANITY.

WHAT?! LUTHOR! WHAT DID YOU DO?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

LUTHOR, IF YOU DO THIS, I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL LEAK **EVERYTHING** I KNOW ABOUT--

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THE WATCHTOWER HANGAR BAY.

THE FRAMES ARE NEARLY COMPLETE, BUT THE ARMOR IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT STORY, SHIERA. WE NEED MORE NTH METAL...AND **SHAPING** IT IS PROVING TO BE DIFFICULT.

LET'S HOPE IT'S EASIER TO MOLD THAN OUR PILOTS, ALFRED.

SCORE ONE VICTORY FOR THE LEGACY OF KRYPTON, KELEX.

THEY WOULD BE PROUD, SIR.

KAL-EL... WE NEED TO TALK.

WE'RE NOT AS... **ENTHUSIASTIC** ABOUT HOW THAT BATTLE UNFOLDED.

YOU AND BATMAN ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAD **TOGETHER**. YOU COULDN'T EVEN LISTEN TO **EACH OTHER**, LET ALONE **US**.

YOU'RE A **RISK** ON THE BATTLEFIELD. I SHOULD KNOW, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TELLING ME THAT FOR YEARS.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS, WE'RE **ALL** IN THIS FIGHT. AND YOUR RECKLESS FLYING ALMOST DESTROYED THIS TEAM.

I CAN SEE YOU'RE UPSET, BUT THIS IS WHY I WAS SENT HERE. I'M SUPPOSED TO--

SAVE US?! THEN STOP TRYING TO GET US KILLED!

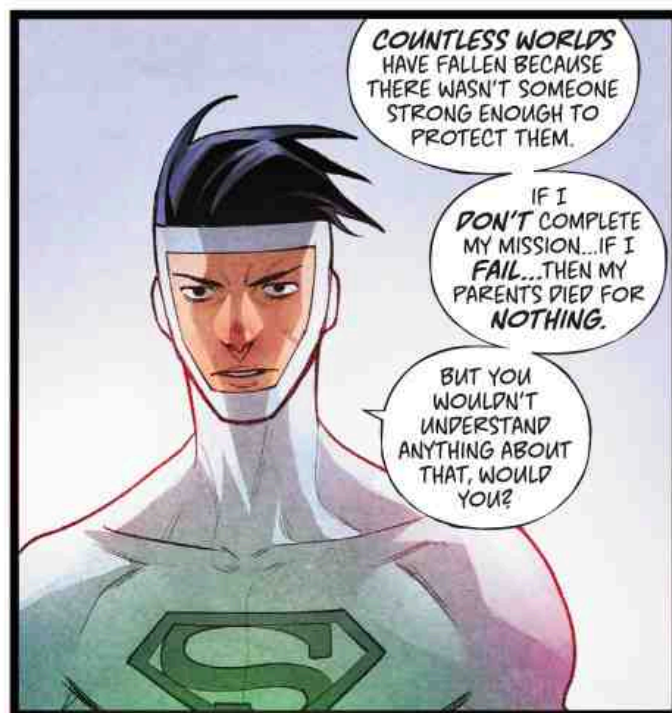
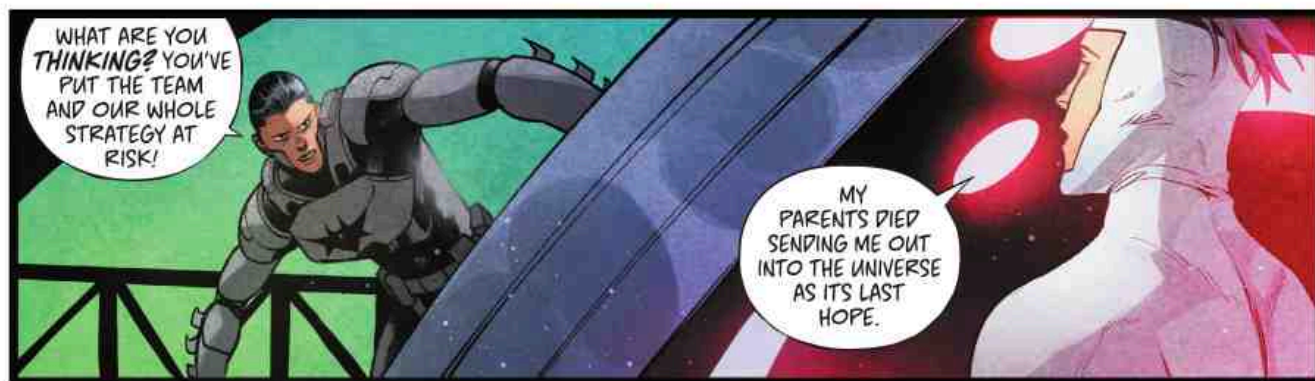
MY PARENTS GAVE THEIR LIVES TO GIVE THE UNIVERSE A CHANCE. I'M ALL YOU'VE GOT!

IF IT'S BETWEEN YOU AND OBLIVION, THEN I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES WITH OBLIVION!

STOP IT, **BOTH** OF YOU! SOMEONE'S HACKED OUR COMMUNICATIONS--

--THERE'S A MESSAGE COMING THROUGH!

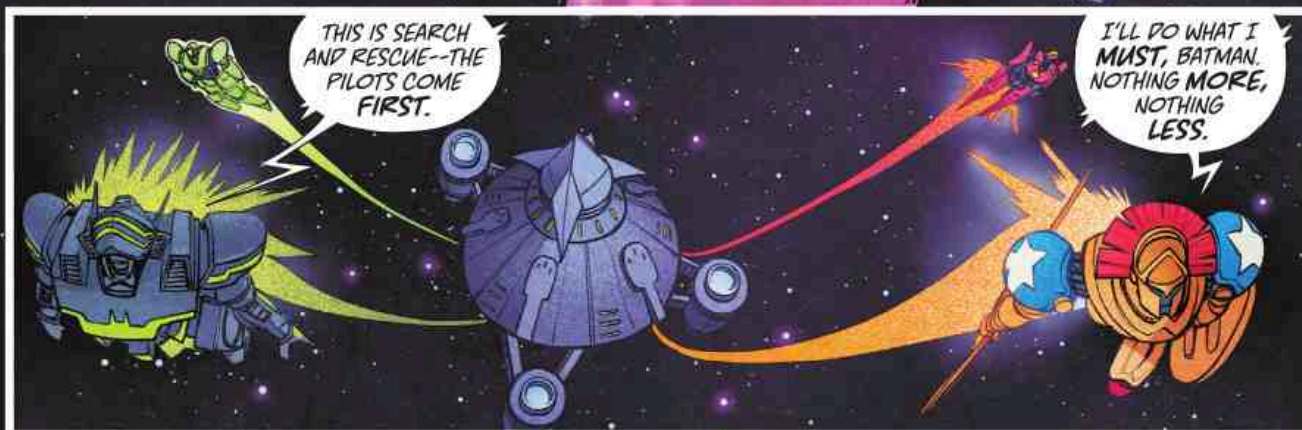






EVERYONE
HANG ON
JUST A LITTLE
LONGER.

I'M
ENDING THIS--
ONCE AND FOR
ALL.



THIS IS SEARCH
AND RESCUE--THE
PILOTS COME
FIRST.

I'LL DO WHAT I
MUST, BATMAN.
NOTHING MORE,
NOTHING
LESS.



HAWKWOMAN...WHAT
HE SAID ABOUT HIS
PARENTS...

I KNOW...AND I
KNOW YOU,
BRUCE.

DESPITE THE
CIRCUMSTANCES,
HE'S MORE ALONE
THAN WE THOUGHT.
HE NEEDS TO
KNOW HE'S NOT.

PLEASE...



ALL HAIL
DARKSEID!

NOOOOOO!



YOU WANT
DEATH?
YOU WANT
WAR?

CHAK

MY PEOPLE
INVENTED
WAR!





THIS IS THE FLASH--ALL OF THE SURVIVORS ARE ON THE CARRIER AND READY TO GO!

GREAT WORK, KID. NOW MAKE LIKE YOUR NAMESAKE AND GET THEM THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

JOHN, HOW YOU HOLDING UP?

NOT... GOOD. EVEN JUST SHAPING THE ENERGY INTO A WALL IS TOO MUCH...THE BATTERY'S FIGHTING BACK.

FLASH, YOU GOOD FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF COVER?

NO CAN DO. I'M RUNNING ON EMPTY, AND MY BODY WON'T LAST ANOTHER ROUND OF SPEED FORCE VIBRATIONS LIKE THAT.

WHAT ABOUT DIANA?



...SHE'S NOT ANSWERING.



THE EARTH FORCES ARE SAFE. THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.

FLASH, GREEN LANTERNS--GET WONDER WOMAN BACK TO THE WATCHTOWER.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, BATS?



SOMETHING I SHOULD'VE DONE A LONG TIME AGO...





THE
PITIFUL LOOK
ON YOUR FACE
TELLS ME YOU'VE
FAILED AGAIN,
KALIBAK.

MY SPAWN
NEVER CEASES
TO DISAPPOINT
ME.



I'M NOT DONE
YET! HE WRECKED MY
MECH'S MAIN CONTROLS,
BUT I'M STILL
COMMANDING--

NO, YOU'RE
NOT. I'M TAKING
CONTROL FROM
HERE.

I'VE ORDERED
THE FURIES TO HOLD
THE KRYPTONIAN.

IF YOU CAN'T
EVEN SWAT A FLY
IN FRONT OF YOU, THEN
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO
OBLITERATE ONE FROM
ACROSS THE COSMOS.



GAHHH!
I'M SO
CLOSE!

KELEX,
BOOST THE
OUTPUT--DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
OVERHEATING!



THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO
BOOST IT WITH, KAL-EL. WE'RE AT
CRITICAL LEVELS AND YOU'RE OUT
OF STORED SOLAR ENERGY!



THEN
FIND A
WAY--

--I'M THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
DO THIS!

IS THAT
WHAT YOU
THINK?



LISTEN...I
KNOW WE DON'T
KNOW EACH OTHER,
BUT I **GET** IT.
OKAY?

YOU WANT
TO HONOR YOUR
PARENTS...BUT THIS
ISN'T THE WAY
TO DO IT.

WHY
CAN'T YOU
JUST LET US
HELP?

THOOM

BECAUSE
I DON'T WANT
TO BE THE SOLE
SURVIVOR OF A
PLANET EVER
AGAIN.





KAL-EL!

BATMAN?
HE'S... HE'S GONE.
COME BACK TO THE
WATCHTOWER.

NO...
WE HAVE TO
GO AFTER
HIM.



IF
THERE'S A BODY,
WE'LL FIND IT...BUT
FOR NOW, WE NEED
TO RETREAT.



WE'RE IN
NO CONDITION
TO KEEP
FIGHTING...



AND DARKSEID IS."



K-KAL-EL?

KA-L...CAN...
H-HEAR...ME?



I'M...
SORRY, MOM...
DAD...

IT'S ALL
MY FAULT...IT'S
ALL MY--



KREEEE



IS
HE ALL RIGHT,
JONATHAN?

I DON'T
KNOW, I CAN'T
EVEN TELL IF HE'S
BREATHING.

CAN
YOU MOVE,
SON? ARE YOU
ALIVE?

WH-WHO...
WHO ARE
YOU?

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WE'RE
WILLING TO
HELP. THAT'S
ALL THAT
MATTERS.

WE
BETTER GET HIM
INSIDE, MARTHA...
BEFORE SOMEONE
SEES HIM...OR
WORSE.

NEXT: SMALLVILLE!

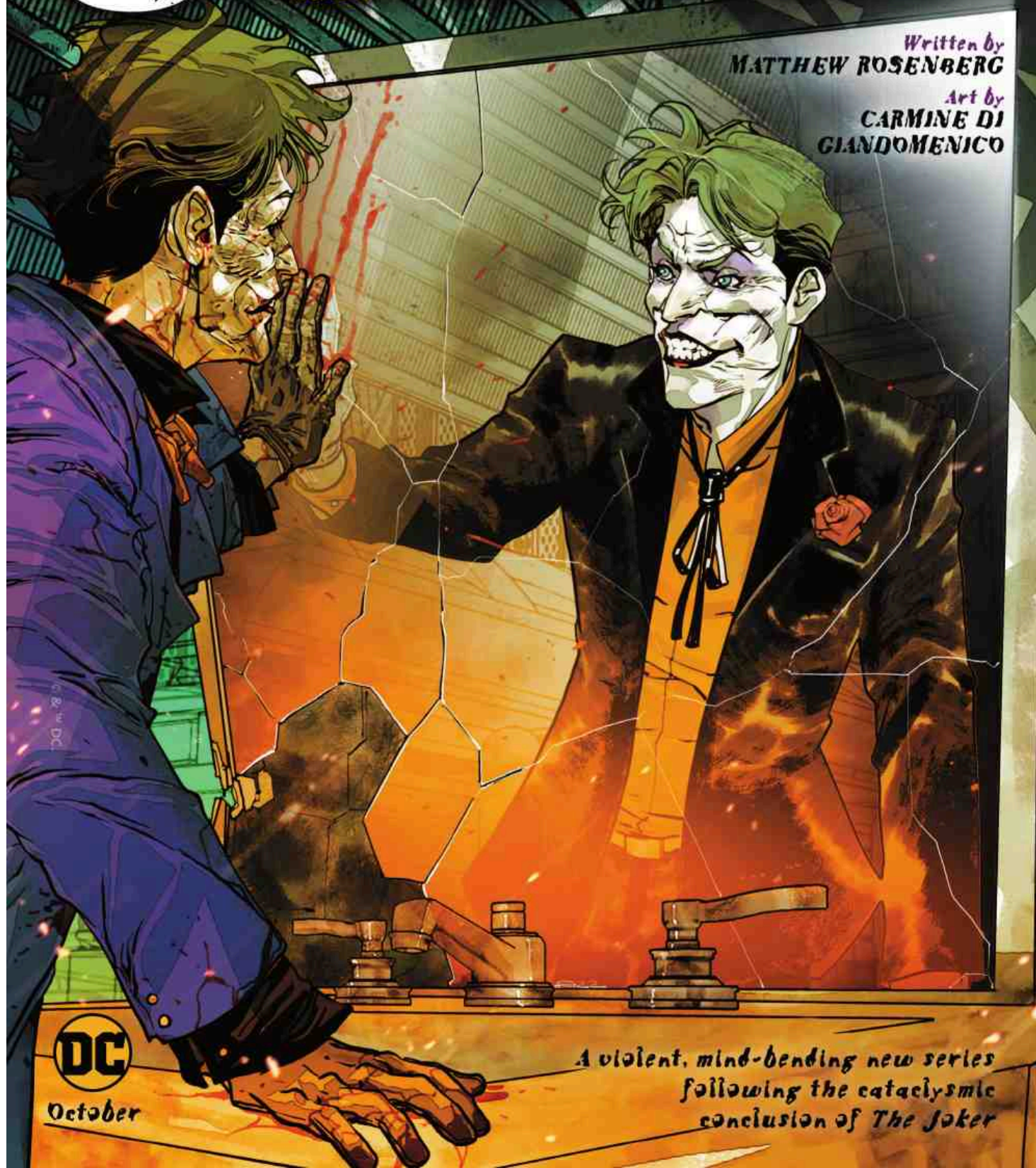
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BLACK ADAM

**How were you first introduced to Black Adam?**

Black Adam came onto my radar when I was a kid. I loved comic books and I always gravitated towards Black Adam because he was one of the characters who looked like me. And plus, he was always a badass.

What makes Black Adam such a great antihero for the DC Universe?

An antihero kind of lives in the gray area in terms of a moral ethical code. For example, there's a code of ethics that Superman must abide by. He'll bring bad guys to justice but won't kill them. Black Adam will bring the bad guys to justice, by any means necessary.

Who are the Justice Society in relation to Black Adam?

Not only are we presenting Black Adam to the world, but we are also building out the DC Universe by introducing the Justice Society. For those who don't know, the JSA was the team that pre-dated the Justice League. In the film, the JSA is tasked with bringing Black Adam to justice.

What does your quote "the hierarchy of power in the DC Universe is about to change" mean in relation to Black Adam?

Those familiar with the mythology know that Black Adam's power set changes the game. It sounds bold and audacious, but I mean that with real reverence and respect for the DC Universe that I grew up on. I've been saying it for a year now, and after our first trailer it all became crystal clear.

What makes the DC Universe and the characters in it unique, enduring for nearly a century at this point?

I'm a DC man, so building out this new era of the DC Universe is critically important to me. I also think *Black Adam* is the kind of movie that generations will enjoy, and man, that's special. It's rarefied air when you're lucky enough to create something that spans generations and I think that's what Black Adam is.



IN THEATERS BEGINNING OCTOBER 21!

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